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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Thong Q. Le

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 and 34-56 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 15 and 34-56 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-9 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____ 6) ☐ Other: .

DETAILED ACTION

1. Amendment filed on March 12, 2003 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-14, 34-46 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-3, 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Roy (U.S. Patent No. 4,926,384).

Regarding claim 1, a circuit comprising:

a read charge control circuit (Column 7, lines 10-20) activated only during read operations by a read signal (CRD, Column 7, lines 14-15) and an address (Column 7, lines 15-20);

a write charge control circuit (Column 7, lines 60-67) activated by a write charge signal (Column 7, lines 66-67, Column 8, lines 1-20) and the same or different address, the read charge control circuit and the write charge control circuit both coupled to a first

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and a second data IO line, wherein the second data IO line is complementary to the first data IO line (Column 2, lines 57-67, Column 8, lines 13-20).

Regarding claim 2, Roy discloses the read charge control circuit is a sense amplifier (Column 7, lines 30-34).

Regarding claims 3, 10 Roy discloses the write charge control circuit transfers charge between at least one of the first and second data IO lines and a bit line (Column 8, lines 1-20). More specifically, Roy discloses a data output sense amplifier coupled between a data output buffer (Figure 14) as claim 10 discloses.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 4-9, 11-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 4-9, 11-14 include allowable subject matter since the prior art made of record and considered pertinent to the applicant's disclosure does not teach or suggest the claimed limitations. Roy (U.S. Patent No. 4,926,384), and others, does not teach the claimed invention having a write charge control circuit includes only two write charge controlled gates as claims 4-9 disclose, and a load transistors shared between the read charge control circuit an the data output sense amplifier ad claims 11-14 disclose.

6. Claim 15, 34-56 are allowed.


Claims 15, 34-56 include allowable subject matter since the prior art made of record and considered pertinent to the applicant's disclosure does not teach or suggest

the claimed limitations. Roy (U.S. Patent No. 4,926,384), and others, does not teach the claimed invention having a a load transistors shared between the read charge control circuit an the data output sense amplifier ad claims 15, 34-56 disclose.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thong Q. Le whose telephone number is 703-306-9123. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-5:00pm M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David C. Nelms can be reached on 703-308-4910. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9318 for regular communications and 703-872-9319 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-306-3329.


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